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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. 1-36-84

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: SPECIAL MEETING ON THE REFUGEE PROGRAM

On April 12, 1984, departmental staff met with the CWDA Board of Directors to discuss two new directions in refugee services. At that time we were able to provide you with some background information on the transfer of management responsibility for refugee services contracts to county boards of supervisors, and the Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) project. In order to provide additional information to you, I am calling a special meeting for interested welfare directors.

This meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss these two refugee issues:

1. Transfer of Management Responsibility

On March 2, 1984, the Department of Social Services released a letter to county boards of supervisors announcing its intention to transfer responsibility for its refugee services contracts to county boards of supervisors. This step is being taken in order to fully integrate the local planning and implementation of all refugee support services including Targeted Assistance, Title XX refugee programs, and the services contracts currently managed by the Office of Refugee Services. Our letter also requested boards of supervisors to identify contact agencies.

2. RCA Project

Under the RCA demonstration project, certain time-eligible AFDC refugees as well as those refugees who are AFDC-eligible as of January 1, 1985, would be transferred to the RCA program. These RCA/AFDC refugees would be required to meet all RCA requirements, including mandatory participation in DSS-funded employment-related training programs. Sanctions for noncompliance would be the same as under the AFDC-U program. The objective of the RCA demonstration project is to access AFDC refugees into the RCA training system in order to enhance their potential for self-sufficiency.

The meeting is scheduled for:

April 25, 1984 - 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Bateson Building, Room 470
1600 9th Street
Sacramento

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Richard C. Baiz, Deputy Director,
Government and Community Relations at 916/322-1019.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Linda S. McMahon".

LINDA S. McMAHON
Director

cc: CWDA